

## THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

J. H. PALMER.

I find in the great harvest field, there is plenty to do, for all who will work. We need not say,

Lord, what a barren land is this  
That yields us no supplies.

But above all, we must have our hearts in the work. If not, the result is, a sounding brass, and a tinkling cymbal. I was much encouraged to see that the Brethren church is doing some good for the Master. The EVANGELIST reports are encouraging. We have nothing to boast of, for after all these reports are too few compared to the length and breadth of the church. I shall try to speak the truth as to the cause of much carelessness in the church in reference to our missionary work.

I believe in the New Testament, which we hold as our rule, of faith and practice, which teaches an *experimental religion*, growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, a pure and undefiled religion. But while the good and merciful Lord gave us *facts* to be believed, *commandments* to be obeyed, *promises* to be trusted, and *threatenings* to be feared, he did not intend that we should confine ourselves alone to Triune Immersion, Feet-washing, Lord's Supper, Communion, etc. While it is proper and right to observe these, yet we should not make a hobby horse of either of them and ride them to death in the EVANGELIST. The great question is to get people to believe. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be condemned." Believe first and then be baptized. The question that Paul asked the people who had been baptized unto John's baptism was not, have you ever washed feet? How long was it before the Jewish passover? Did Christ eat with his disciples? No. No. But have ye received the *Holy Ghost* since ye believed? How about it dear earnest souls, have you? These men were in earnest. They observed all that was required of them. They thought they were right, but they lacked something. Do we? Is it the baptism of the Holy Ghost? I verily believe that is where the great trouble often lies.

Let us investigate. As a church we claim a great deal. We claim we have the Gospel as our guide. Let us see what we have done. I will give you a brief report on mission work in this state by another denomination by way of money. It takes in about fifteen counties and here are the figures for the past year:

Board of extension,	\$ 2,315
Sunday-school,	370
Tract Society,	360

Southern Education,	2,244
Bible Society,	259
Woman's Mission	4,218
For Conference,	4,775
Other collections,	3,330
Total,	\$17,871

Dear Brethren church, think of it! One district or conference out of five conferences of this church in Indiana alone raised \$15,809 more than the entire Brethren church from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the great lakes to the Gulf. I have known people in the church when asked to contribute for some work the first thing they would say, will it pay? Or, go ahead, and if the work is a success then I will help. Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? I have planned, studied and figured how to make our missionary work a success, and this is my conclusion: For the Conference to make an assessment on the members and make it obligatory, and we will begin to do something and not before.

I am yours for further instruction in righteousness,

Huntington, Ind., April 8, 1895.

## FROM DALLAS CENTER, IOWA.

By request of the church I have accepted the pastoral charge of this congregation, for the coming year, this being the ninth year for me, at Dallas Center. Members are coming to our ranks gradually all the year round. We have a good prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school. I have six regular appointments for preaching. Mrs. Flora has three regular appointments, and the remainder of her time, she works in the field as Evangelist and has more calls than she can fill. The home congregation has requested an occasional sermon by her in the coming year. This I also desire to break up the monotony. I have preached in this community for twenty years. I enjoy a change. Brother S. H. Bashor gave us a pleasant surprise on last week, and remained over Sunday, and filled my appointments on Sunday and Monday evenings. He delivered his famous lecture, which greatly pleased those present, and somewhat grieved those not present. Brother Bashor can preach with the same power as of old. Brother Forney gave us a call last week. Also Sister Mareton and two children from Aurelia. I am pleased with our church paper and will try to increase the list of subscribers.

NOAH FLORA.

If Christians would only live better lives, there would be less need of their money. The church pays a heavy premium on her ungodliness.

## Matrimonial.

MEYERS—SHOEWALTER.—At the residence of the undersigned, March, 17, 1895, Mr. Calvin Meyers and Minnie Shoenwalter were united in matrimony.

PENCE—SHILLINGER.—At the above said place and by the same, on March 24, 1895, Mr. Alexander Pence and Miss Emma Shillinger were united in matrimony.

L. W. DITCH.

NICKERSHAM—SHIVELY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, North Georgetown, Ohio, March 24, 1895, in presence of about thirty invited guests, Mr. Maurice Nickersham and sister Mary Shively were, by the writer, joined in holy matrimony. The accomplished bride is a member of our choir at Georgetown, and we join with her many friends in wishing them much happiness as they sail over the sea of life.

J. L. KIMMEL.

## Our Dead.

HOSTER.—March 19, 1895, at North Manchester, Ind., sister Mary F., wife of Henry Hoster, aged 55 years, 1 month and 1 day. Six children were born to them. Three have preceded her to the spirit world. Sister Hoster was baptized in 1861 with the German Baptist church. After the organization of the Brethren, she united herself with it. Funeral discourse by the writer, from Job 14: 10 and John 6: 40.

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GREER.—In the Mexico congregation, Ind., Laura F. Greer, daughter of Wyley and Joicy Doss, was born in old Virginia, Franklin Co., Feb. 14, 1859, died March 17, 1895. Aged 36 years, 1 month and 3 days. Was wedded to E. J. Greer, Nov. 29, 1876. To this union ten children were born; six of them with the husband are left to mourn her departure. Sister Greer united with the Brethren church Dec. 20, 1894, at which time the writer assisted by brother Josiah Keim baptized her at her home, she being too ill to go to the river. Funeral discourse from Job. 1: 21; her own selection, to a large assembly of friends and neighbors.

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SAUSAMAN.—In the New Highland congregation, Ind., Oscar Paul, son of Thomas J. and Florence M. Sausaman, departed this life March 25, 1895, born Jan. 13, 1895. Aged 2 months and 12 days. In the night he passed from a sleep to a sleep. Apparently well in the evening, he was found dead in bed in the morning. Funeral conducted by the writer in the Christian church, Akron, Ind. Text I Thess. 4: 18.

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